

Offering
Call for the Offering
Offertory *In the Bleak Midwinter*
Gustav Holst

*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer
*Closing Hymn *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

*Benediction

Postlude *Lift Up Your Heads*
Franklin Ritter

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Serving in Worship Today

Elders: Faith Cleary, Wally Doppenberg, Rick Eckersley,
Kim Heinze, and Dave Thomas
Mary Beth Thomas, Chancel Choir Director
Andy Phillips, Pianist
Alex Gudmundsen, Organist
Angel Candelaria, AV Tech Lead
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St. Mark Presbyterian Church
First Sunday of Christmas
December 28, 2025

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| Prelude | Shepherd Song | Alex Gudmundsen |
| | Jean-Baptiste Lully Arr. by Thomas Bliss | |
| Welcome | | Wally Doppenberg |
| *Call to Worship | | |
| One: | The light has come into the world, | |
| All: | And the darkness has not overcome it. | |
| One: | The Word became flesh and lived among us. | |
| All: | Full of grace and truth, God has drawn near. | |
| One: | Even after the songs are sung and the gifts unwrapped, | |
| All: | The good news of Christmas still speaks. | |
| One: | Come, let us worship the God who chooses to dwell with us. | |
| All: | We come with wonder, gratitude, and praise. | |
| *Hymn | Joy to the World | #134 |
| Confession | | |
| Call to Confession | | |
| Unison Prayer of Confession | | |
| | God of love and mercy, you sent your Son into the world to show us what love looks like. Yet we confess that we do not always live that love. We speak of peace, but hold on to resentment. We celebrate your grace, but struggle to extend it to others. We rejoice in the gift of Christ, yet resist the call to follow where he leads. | |
| | Forgive us, O God. Teach us again how to love—not only in word, but in action and truth. By your Spirit, shape our lives to reflect the love made known in Jesus Christ. | |
| | Forgive us as we silently confess our sins and short-comings to you... | |
| | (Please take a moment for silent confession.) | |
| Assurance of Pardon | | |
| *Response | Gloria Patri | # 581 |
| *Sharing the Peace of Christ | | |
| Time with Young Disciples | Faith Cleary | |
| Special Music | | Jenny Cashion and Tina Fischer |
| | | Wonderful, Merciful Savior |
| | | Dawn Rodgers Eric Wyse |
| Prayer for Illumination | | Rick Eckersley |
| Scripture Reading | | I John 4:7-12 |
| One: | | This is the word of the Lord. |
| All: | | Thanks be to God. |
| Reflections | | Rick Eckersley |
| | | Dave Thomas |
| *Hymn | Angels We Have Heard on High | # 113 |
| *Affirmation of Faith | | Kim Heinze |
| | | We trust in Jesus Christ, |
| | | Fully human, fully God. |
| | | Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: |
| | | preaching good news to the poor |
| | | and release to the captives, |
| | | teaching by word and deed |
| | | and blessing the children, healing the sick |
| | | and binding up the brokenhearted, |
| | | eating with outcasts, |
| | | forgiving sinners, |
| | | and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. |
| | | Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, |
| | | Jesus was crucified, |
| | | suffering the depths of human pain |
| | | and giving his life for the sins of the world. |
| | | God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, |
| | | breaking the power of sin and evil, |
| | | delivering us from death to life eternal. |